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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following Amendment is presented in response to the final Office Action dated November 9, 2011, and in connection with a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin thereafter on page 5.